

Application No.: 09/801,350

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REMARKS

The Advisory Action dated October 30, 2003 stated that Applicants' response to the Final Office Action does not place claims 1-4, 13 and 14 of the application in condition for allowance. In response thereto, Applicants respectively request continued examination of the present application in consideration of the above Amendments.

Upon entry of the amendments, claims 1 and 3 are amended; claim 14 is canceled without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer. The changes in claim 1 are supported by, for example, Figs. 4, 5A and 5B; specification, at page 12, lines 7-11, and at page 13, lines 5-14. The changes in claim 3 are supported by, for example, Fig. 5A, and specification, at page 13, lines 5-14. Claim 14 is canceled and the features cited therein are incorporated into the amended claim 1. Hence, claims 1-4 and 13 are now pending in the present application, with claim 1 being independent claim.

Applicants believe that the foregoing amendments do not introduce new matter. The above claims are submitted to be patentable over the prior art of record. Accordingly, favorable consideration of the application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.

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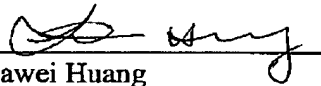
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request continued examination of the above-identified patent application. It is believed that the pending claims 1-4 and 13 are in proper condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the examination of the application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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